

Oregon Family Planning 1115 Demonstration Renewal Proposal Questions for the State

1. Page 2, please note that the original 5-year demonstration period was approved through September 30, 2003. Please change all references to the end of the demonstration and the renewal period to reflect this fact. All financial reporting and budget neutrality should be based on this demonstration year cycle. However, we understand that the state did not implement the demonstration until January 1999, so the state may continue to provide evaluation information based on the calendar year basis.
2. Page 2, 2nd paragraph. How many of the current providers are private providers?
3. Page 3, please let us know as soon as possible what FPL you would like to cover based on the discussions of the Oregon legislature.
4. Page 4, Please provide us with a copy of the new statewide form for eligibility screening when available.
5. Page 5, Please provide us with a copy of the final billing structure when available.
6. Page 5, Will applicants receive an application for OHP? Will assistance be provided in completing the application?
7. Page 6, How will Oregon ensure access to primary care services in counties or areas where there is no FQHC or RHC?
8. Page 7, provider base, 2nd paragraph, What are the program standards that providers have to meet to be included in the demonstration?
9. Page 7, under program administration, it states that OMAP responsibilities include review and oversight for consistency with Title XIX policies and procedures and the provision of OMAP data for budget neutrality analysis. Is there a person designated in OMAP to serve as the contact?
10. Page 8, The Office of Family Health will be responsible for Quality Assurance reviews and monitoring activities. Will OMAP also have oversight for this activity?
11. Page 12, How many persons were served by Title X prior to the demonstration and during each of the years of the demonstration? Please also provide the level of funding for Title X for each of these years.
12. Page 14, The teen pregnancy rate in Oregon had declined for the 15-19 year olds. Is the decline attributable to the access to contraceptives? Are there other reasons for the decline?
13. Is the state planning on imposing an enrollment cap in the FPEP? If so, what will the enrollment cap be?
14. What is the timeframe for completing the evaluation of the first five years of the demonstration? Are there plans to update the progress on the evaluation to account for 2002?
15. Please clarify the eligibility process for those 19 years and under. Are any individuals under 19 eligible for family planning services as long as they meet the income eligibility requirements?

Budget neutrality

16. There should not be two separate savings tables for the demonstration (i.e. real-time projections and budget monitoring). The spreadsheet should be constructed based off Attachment A of the original demonstration standard terms and conditions whereas averted birth savings (# of births averted * average cost of a birth) are compared to the CMS 64 expenditures under the demonstration. Please break out each step of these calculations.
17. Please provide a detailed breakout of fertility rate information for the baseline year as well as each year of the demonstration, similar to what was provided in February, that is used to calculate averted births.
18. Please use actual data from the current demonstration period to trend forward budget neutrality information for the renewal period (as well as any current demonstration years where you do not have actual data).
19. In your narrative explanation, please provide detailed information on the source of data (even if it is actual data) for each of the trend rates you use in the spreadsheet.
20. Per the 6/26/03 e-mail from Jeanne Atkins, please clarify whether the 2001 numbers are projections or actual?
21. The State has assumed the same costs for care of pregnant women and children for an 8-year period. The footnote states that this is an old under-estimate. Does the state not expect that these costs will go up? Please provide us with updated actual data and trend the costs forward based on this data.
22. Why does the cost per client for the demonstration projections remain constant? Please trend these projections forward using actual data.
23. Please break out for each year the per capita costs for pregnancy (prenatal+delivery), infants under 1, and children ages 1-5.
24. CMS's current budget neutrality methodology does not allow states to include data/savings for the post project year. Please remove this column.